

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office action mailed March 19, 2004. With the cancellation of claims 11-14, claims 1-4, 6 and 15-23 are presented herewith for allowance.

In order to expedite issuance of a patent on the allowed claims (claims 1-4, 6 and 15-23), claims 11-14 have been canceled from the application. Applicant intends to file a continuation on the rejected claims to continue arguing in favor of the patentability of those claims.

Based on the above, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-4, 6 and 15-23 be passed to issuance.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this Response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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